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FOR: POLYPEPTIDES IMPLICATED IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESISTANCE TO GLYCOPEPTIDES, IN PARTICULAR IN GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA, NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CODING FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND USE FOR DIAGNOSIS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 19, lines 15 to 22, replace the text in its entirety with the following:

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-Figure 10 : alignment of the amino acid sequence of VanC (SEQ ID NO:8), VanA (SEQ ID NO:4), Dd1A (SEQ ID NO:32) and Dd1B (SEQ ID NO:33). The identical (I) amino acids and the conservative (C) substitutions in the 4 sequences are indicated in the alignment. In order to classify the conservative substitutions, the amino acids were grouped as follows: RK, LFPMVI (SEQ ID NO:34), STQNC (SEQ ID NO:35), AGW, H, ED AND Y. The